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C O N F I D E N T I A L KATHMANDU 2231

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: TBIO, TPHY, IN, NP
SUBJECT: POSSIBILITY OF MONKEY EXPORTS FROM NEPAL

REF: A) NEW DELHI 6245, B) GENEVA 6167

1. EMBOFF CALLED ON WHO REP. NEPAL, DR. CHICAL,
APRIL 16
TO INQUIRE ABOUT STATE OF REPORTED WHO APPROACH TO KING
BIRENDRA ON POSSIBILITY OF NEPAL GRANTING PERMISSION
FOR EXPORT OF MONKEYS. CHICAL CONFIRMED THAT WHO
DIRECTOR DR. MAHLER HAD RAISED SUBJECT WITH HIS MAJESTY,
(CHICAL NOTED THAT MAHLER HAD LONG EXPERIENCE IN INDIA
AND WAS AWARE OF SENSITIVITIES. AS RESULT MAHLER'S
APPROACH WAS CAREFULLY GEARED TO HIS AUDIENCE AND IN
CHICAL'S VIEW VERY EFFECTIVE.) SINCE THAT TIME (EARLY
MARCH) CHICAL HAS NOT RAISED SUBJECT, BUT HE HAS BEEN
AWARE THAT ISSUE WAS STILL ALIVE. MOREOVER ON APRIL 25
HE WAS TOLD THAT CONSIDERATION WAS BEING GIVEN TO MATTER AT
"HIGHEST LEVEL". IN SHORT, IT IS STILL POSSIBLE THAT NEPAL
WILL AGREE TO EXPORT OF MONKEYS.

2. HOWEVER, CHICAL IS FRANKLY SKEPTICAL AND SO ARE WE.
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MONKEYS ARE JUST AS MUCH A RELIGIOUS SYMBOL HERE AS IN
INDIA AND CURRENT BAN ON THEIR EXPORT IS COUCHED IN TERMS
OF WILDLIFE PRESERVATION. TAKING PUBLIC DECISION TO PERMIT
EXPORT OF MONKEYS--REGARDLESS OF HUMANITARIAN ASPECTS THAT
MIGHT BE CITED--MIGHT THEREFORE BE DIFFICULT. PREVIOUSLY
THERE WAS ADMINISTRATIVE BAN ON EXPORT OF MONKEYS BUT THEY
WERE NOT ON PROSCRIBED LIST IN TRADE ACT. BUT WITH NEW

TRADY SYSTEM, (KATHMANDU 1790 NOTAL), MONKEYS ARE ONE OF
SMALL LIST OF ITEMS FORBIDDEN FOR EXPORT UNDER REVISED TRADE
RULES ISSUED 31 MARCH 1978.
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